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MICHAEL J. ROBERTSON, S/Sgt. ASN 19234521, 1315 Cartwright Street, Beaumont, Texas, being first duly sworn, deposes and says:

On 28 May 1945, I bailed out of our B-29 Aircraft over the metropolitan Tokyo area. I lost consciousness during the bail-out and when revived I was being attacked by a mob of Japanese men and women in the Tokyo area. The irate mob were beating me with rocks, sticks and their fists. I was also kicked. The mob was finally dispersed by Japanese military police, and I was taken to the Kengo Military Police headquarters in Tokyo, where I was interrogated. During the interrogation, I was beaten on the buttock and back with a bamboo stick approximately one yard long and two inches in diameter. I was struck approximately 25 times with the only explanation that I was an enemy of the Imperial government. During this beating I was suffering with a broken leg and severe shrapnel wounds in both legs. Following this beating, I was transferred to a cell which was approximately 10 by 12 feet, and in which there were confined 18 prisoners. I remained in this cell from the date of my capture until August 13, 1945. During this time we were not allowed to leave the cell or to talk to our fellow prisoners. Our food consisted of 3 bowls of rice daily and approximately 5 or 6 times during our confinement we were also permitted a very limited supply of beans and grass. No medical attention was given to my broken leg or to the shrapnel wounds. As a result, the wounds in both legs became infected to such an extent that at my release, plasma injections, together with penicillin was administered by our American doctors.

While confined, we were required to sit at attention from 5 AM to 9 PM and if anyone was caught in a reclining position, a beating would be administered by the Japanese guards. Another punishment for the infraction of this rule was to require the offender to sit on his legs in Japanese fashion. Hours of this would result in momentary paralysis. We were allowed one dirty blanket at night. This, however, was removed from the cell during the daytime. The cell was ridden with fleas and lice, and the only toilet fixture available was a small box kept in the corner of each room. This was emptied each morning. However, during the day it provided a foul odor and health hazard. Most of the prisoners confined were suffering with acute dysentery. The only light admitted to the cell was from a window approximately two feet square. This window was permanently closed.

On 7 August 1945 at approximately 11 AM the Japanese guards brought a Theodore Fox, a B-50 pilot from Ohio, to our cell. Fox was running a high temperature and was in a semi-delirious condition. When coherent, he mentioned having been tortured by the Japs and on his hands there were

wounds showing evidence of cigarette burns. From the time of his arrival, until approximately 12:30 that same night Fox passed blood from parts of his intestines. He made strong pleas for medical attention and supplies. However, they were unheeded by the Japanese guards. At 12:30 that night, Fox died. It was generally believed that his death was caused by dysentery.

I am unable to identify either by description or name the Japanese officials in charge at Kempi headquarters, Tokyo. The Japanese guard in charge was called "Mushu Head" by name. He was 5'2" tall, heavy set, spoke excellent English. His only unusual physical characteristic was his Hitler-type mustache and heavy beard. The following Americans imprisoned at Kempi were submitted to the surroundings which I have described, and may be able to further identify responsible Japanese officials:

1st Lt. O'Hara, 6th Bomb. Sq., Tinian; 1st Lt. Newcomb, 678th Sq., 444 Group; 2nd Lt. Miller, c/o General Delivery, Du Pre, S. Dakota; S/Sgt. Glen B. Guiton, 444th Group, 676th Squadron, Sperry, Oklahoma; Sgt. Hooper, Air Corps, Marion, Oregon.

These are all the pertinent details I am able to remember of the above incidents at this time.

/s/ MICHAEL J. ROBERTSON  
MICHAEL J. ROBERTSON, S/SGT.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 19th day of October 1945.

/s/ EMILIA MAE STACK  
Notary Public - Jefferson Tex

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Notary Public, County of Jefferson, Texas  
(Seal)

A CERTIFIED TRUE COPY  
/s/ EVERETT CHECKET  
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Interviewed by Edward C. Scheretz, Agent, SIC

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期間中、我々ハ監房ヲ出タリ又仲間ノ捕虜ト話シ  
タリスル事ヲ許サレナカツタ。我々ノ食物ハ一日  
ニ米三碗デ、我々ノ監禁中約五、六回我々ハ又非  
常ニ値カナ豆ト野菜ノ供給ヲ許可サレタ。  
私ノ足ノ骨折ト榴霰彈ノ傷ニハ何等醫療ガ與ヘラ  
レナカツタ。其ノ結果兩足ノ傷ハ非常ニ痛ガツタ  
ノデ釋放サレタ時「ベニシリソ」ト共ニ血漿注射  
ヲ米國人ノ醫師ニシテ貰ラツタ程ダツタ。

監禁中、我々ハ午前五時カラ午後九時迄不動ノ  
姿勢デ腰カケテキル様ニ云ヘレタ。ソシテモシ誰  
デモヨリカ、ツタ姿勢デキルノヲ見ツケラレルト  
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ノ規則ノ違反ニ對スルモ一ツノ罰ハ違反者ニ日本  
流ニ膝ヲ折ツテ坐ル事ヲ要求スル事デアツタ。之  
ヲ數時間ヤルト一時身体ノ自由ガキカナクナルノ  
ガ常ダツタ。夜ハ我々ハ一枚ノ汚ナイ毛布ガ支給  
サレタ。併シナガラ之ハ日中ハ監房カラトリ出サ  
レタ。監房ハ強ヤ虱ニ苦シメラレタ。ソシテタツ  
タツタ一ツノ使用デキル便所用備附品ト云フノハ  
各室ノ隅ニ置イタ一ツノ小サナ箱ダツタ。コレハ

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毎朝窓ニサレタ。併シ、日中ソレハ惡臭ヲ放テ衛  
生上ノ危険ヲモタラシタ。監禁サレタ捕虜ノ大部  
分ハ急性ノ赤痢ヲヤツテキタ。監房ニ入レラレル  
唯一ノ明リハ約二呎四方ノ窓ハ常ニ閉サレテキタ。

一九四五年ノ昭和二十年ノ八月七日ノ午前十一  
時頃、日本人衛兵ハ、オハイオ州ノP. 50ノ飛行  
士、フオックス・トイフ者ヲ我々ノ監  
房ニツレテキタ。「フオックス」ハ高熱デ、半バ  
精神錯亂状態ダツタ。正氣ニナツタ時、彼ハ日本  
人ニヨツテ拷問ニカケラレタトノベ、ソシテ彼ノ  
手ニハ煙草ノ火デ火傷シタ事ヲ證明スル學ガアツ  
タ。彼ガ到着シタ時カラ、同夜十二時分頃マデ「  
フオックス」ハ内臓部カラノ血ヲ出シテキタ。  
我々ハ強硬ニ醫藥ト手當ト供給トヲ頼ンダ。シカ  
シ乍ラ此ノ頼ミハ日本人衛兵ノ願ミル所トナラナ  
カツタ。其ノ夜十二時三十分ニ「フオックス」ハ  
死亡シタ。彼ノ死亡ハ一般ニ赤痢ガ原因ダト考ヘ  
ラレテキタ。

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